

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a composite nonwoven laminate comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing an elastic sheet comprising a polymeric blend of an elastomeric polyolefin having a density of less than about 0.885 g/cm^3 and a nonelastomeric polyolefin having a density of at least about 0.890 g/cm^3 ;
 - (b) elongating said elastic sheet;
 - (c) joining the elongated elastic sheet to a gatherable polymeric web at spaced-apart locations; and
 - (d) relaxing said elongated elastic sheet so that the gatherable polymeric web is gathered at said spaced-apart locations.
2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein said elastomeric polyolefin comprises a narrow molecular weight distribution polyolefin.
3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein said narrow molecular weight distribution polyolefin is a narrow molecular weight distribution polyethylene.
4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of joining the elongated elastic sheet to an additional gatherable polymeric web at additional spaced-apart locations.
5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein said gatherable polymeric web comprises a coformed nonwoven web.
6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein said coformed nonwoven web comprises cellulosic fibers and polypropylene fibers.
7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 4 wherein both said gatherable polymeric webs comprise coformed nonwoven webs.
8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein said coformed nonwoven webs comprise cellulosic fibers and polypropylene fibers.

9. (Currently Amended) An elastic nonwoven web comprising fibers formed from a composition having a blend of two components wherein one of said two components comprises an elastomeric polyolefin having a density of ~~less than 0.885~~ about 0.865 g/cm³ to about 0.889 g/cm³ and a peak melting point range of about 49° C to about 85° C and the other of said two components comprises a nonelastomeric polyolefin having a density of at least 0.890 g/cm³ and a melt index of at least 30, wherein said elastomeric polyolefin component is present in said composition in an amount of from about 90% to about 50% and said nonelastomeric polyolefin component is present in said composition in an amount of from about 10% to about 25%.

10. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9 wherein said elastomeric polyolefin has a molecular weight distribution of less than about 3.5.

11. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9 wherein said elastomeric polyolefin is a polyethylene having a molecular weight distribution of less than about 3.5.

12. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 11 wherein said nonelastomeric polyolefin is a polyethylene.

13-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9, wherein the elastomeric polyolefin component is present in the composition in an amount from about 80% to about 90% and the non-elastic polyolefin is present in the composition in an amount from about 10% to about 20%.

18. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a meltblown web.

19. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9, wherein the nonwoven web comprises a spunbond web.

20. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 9, wherein the fibers comprise substantially continuous filaments.

21. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven web of claim 20, wherein the substantially continuous filaments comprise an array of substantially continuous filaments.

22. (Previously Presented) the nonwoven web of claim 20, wherein the substantially continuous filaments comprise spunbond fibers.